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1. The Heavy Industry Department of the Central and South China Military Area Command has recently conscripted a large number of ordnance production laborers and technicians in Wuchang and Hankow. All the skilled laborers who worked in the former Nationalist arsenals, iron foundries, machine shops, repair shops, gunpowder factories, etc. have been called into service. [redacted] two batches of these skilled workers, totalling some 300 men, were sent northward by train to an important center in Northwest China to be employed in the large-scale production of arms and ammunition. 50X1-HUM
2. The arsenal at T'aiyuan (112-35, 37-52) has lately received a large quantity of ordnance production machinery dismantled from the arsenals in Manchuria evacuated in fear of air attacks by the United Nations. Because of this evacuation, the arsenal at T'aiyuan is being enlarged and a large number of ordnance laborers from other sectors of China have been engaged for production of arms and ammunition there.
3. The arms repair shop at Chink'ou (金口) on the bank of the Yangtze River, 20 miles southwest of Wuchang, has also been recently enlarged. It can now undertake repairs of the light arms of the garrison forces in the Wuchang-Hankow sector, and production of rifle and machine gun ammunition spare parts and small hand-grenades.
4. The largest arsenal in Central and South China is at Chuchou (113-06, 27-53).

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